

**Padbury Parish Council**

Minutes of the Padbury Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors C Dinwoodie (Chairman), A Tulud, V Murray, R Manasse, S Dickens and S Ovey-Horwood

Also present: C Swannell (Clerk), County Councillor J Chilvers and one member of the public.

**58. Period of Public Participation**

A representative from Greener Padbury Group (GPG) provided an update on the success of the Open Gardens weekend and the positive feedback received on the signage used to advertise this. They had also joined Cllr Dinwoodie for a walk around the village and provided an update on the planting in the verges and entry gateways to the village that GPG maintain.

**59. Apologies**

Cllr Clymer.

**60. Declarations of Interest – None.****61. Chairmans Welcome**

Cllr Dinwoodie welcomed all to the meeting and provided a reminder on meeting etiquette.

**62. Minutes**

Members approved the minutes of the Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 as a correct record – PPC/04/25-26, the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May – PPC/03/25-26 were resigned by the Chairman as these had been annotated with the correct numbering.

**63. Updates from Buckinghamshire Councillor**

Cllr Chilvers advised that he had attended the recent service of Licensing and Installation of the new vicar of Lenborough Benefice.

Cllr Chilver has been appointed Vice Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council and the first full meeting is to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Updates on temporary overnight road closures in place for the remainder of the week in connection with resurfacing works were also provided.

Sadly a recent fatality had occurred in a car accident between Padbury and Adstock.

Cllr Dickens raised a quire regarding increased parking charges in Winslow. Cllr Chilvers advised that a county-wide review had been undertaken, and Winslow Town Council continue to subsidise parking with specific free parking available. The pending opening of the new train station had also been taken into consideration to deter station users from causing congestion by parking outside of the station parking area.

**64. Sports Field, Play Area and Woodland**

**64.1** Clerk awaits a third quote from a contractor to undertake Electrical Equipment Testing (EET) regarding the Pavilion. Clarification of requirements for hirers has also been requested from BMKALC and Gallagher Insurance.

**64.2** Cllr Tulud has completed a Risk Assessment of the pavilion. It was noted that there is one shared fire extinguisher shared between the home and away changing rooms, although this is located opposite the only entrance into the changing rooms and, as such, easily accessible to both.

There is no fire extinguisher in the Refs Suite, and it was agreed that a small extinguisher should be purchased – Clerk to obtain quote from Churches Fire Security Ltd.

**64.3** Pavilion building regulations remain outstanding as the original company employed went out of business. Clerk to liaise with Peter Burton, and John Raynor at Bucks CC.

**64.4** Update on issues resulting from the RoSPA Annual Report to be carried forward to the next meeting.

**64.5** An update on the woods risk assessment was provided and noted the following:

- Parts of the pathway are uneven, although this is to be expected and is considered to be acceptable.
- Ash tree dieback is noted. As the trees are relatively immature there is no risk of large branches falling, although ash trees represent a high proportion of trees planted.
- It is planned to walk from the pathways outward into the wood to identify infected trees and Cllrs Dickens and Manasse agreed to inspect and remove as necessary, and to remove some where there is overcrowding.
- It was agreed that a regular walkaround by Cllrs should be resumed, and a date is to be agreed and consider requesting volunteers from residents if required.

**64.6** Cllr Dinwoodie has prepared a draft form for members to undertake a monthly inspection of the extended PC assets, based on the Play Area inspection form but to include the woods, pavilion and first aid box checks. Clerk to circulate to all Cllrs. Cllrs Dinwoodie, Tulud and Ovey-Horwood agreed to undertake the inspection.

**64.7** Regarding the village verges and those maintained by GPG including the planting initiative, Cllr Dinwoodie advised that there had been a discussion between the contractor employed to cut the verges and a resident. Cllr Dinwoodie subsequently met with a member of GPG to review the areas that they have agreed to maintain.

Clerk to obtain and circulate a map of verges to identify those covered under the Devolved Services Agreement and those that are privately owned.

Cllr Tulud advised that she is maintaining the 'hedgehog' highway and has cleared overgrown brambles, and the PC will consider any complaints regarding nettles being left for wildlife.

Cllr Manasse agreed to check Bucks CC website for any issues regarding signage on the verges.

Communication with residents regarding verges and areas retained to support wildlife will be added to the agenda for the next meeting, to include the use of social media in addition to other formats.

It was also agreed that the use of rocks on verges will be discussed at the next meeting.

A response will be sent to GPG regarding their verge planting permissions agreed in the meeting.

**64.8** Members noted that a query regarding the discrepancy between budget v actual salary figures had been raised by the external auditors and the Clerk had provided a response.

**64.9** The Clerk is investigating claiming for outstanding S106 claims from Bucks CC.

**64.10** Members discussed the proposal from the Football Club to make alterations in the pavilion (funded and maintained by the Club) with the following decisions reached:

- Branding – the PC to be provided with a draft outline for discussion.
- The first aid box in the changing rooms is no longer used for this purpose as the club are required to have a portable equivalent on the pitch. This will be removed and placed in storage.
- Members rejected the request for a television to be installed in the pavilion.
- An area for photographs should be restricted to 5 pictures, and a small cabinet for trophies could be agreed with the PC involved in discussion regarding the area of placement.
- Installation of a bell and clock in the changing rooms was agreed.
- Coat hangers can be installed in the changing rooms.
- More information is required regarding painting of the floor in the changing rooms, to include the type of paint to be used and general maintenance from any damage from studs.

A response will be issued to the Football Club regarding the proposals and the decisions reached during the meeting.

## **65. Planning**

**65.1** There were no new applications for consideration.

**65.2** Members noted that application Ref 25/01061 for Primrose Cottage on Main Street had been refused.

**65.3** Members noted application 25/01369 The Old Vicarage Thornborough Road was pending consideration.

**65.4** Cllr Tulud advised that funding for development of a Neighbourhood Plan has is no longer available from Bucks CC, therefore this will not be progressed at this stage. The overall message from the training course recently attended was that all new housing developments would considered favourably, in line with direction from Central Government.

## **66. Finance**

**66.1** The Clerk advised that an interest payment had been received to the Savings account ending 970 and therefore the balance had increased from that quoted in the agenda.

Members noted the balances for the bank accounts as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June:

- Barclays Community Current account ending 959 £18,378.37.
- Barclays savings account ending 970 £44,872.10.
- Barclays Millennium Wood account ending 198 £14,718.51.

**66.2** Members approved the following payments:

- E-on £208.20.
- BMKALC training course fee £25.00.

**66.3** Members noted payments paid between meetings, as detailed at end the of the agenda.

**66.4** Members reviewed and agreed the Receipts, Payments and Summary Report including budget/actuals statements as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**66.4** Members reviewed and agreed the bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and this was countersigned by Cllr Murray.

## **67 Other Parish Council Business**

**67.1** Clerk awaits further contact from the office of Callum Anderson MP to arrange a meeting.

**67.2** Fix my Street - Overgrown hawthorns on the A413 have been removed.

**67.3** Newt Conservation Partnership – Cllr Manasse will arrange will make further contact.

## **68 Funding**

HS2 Road Safety Fund application submitted on the 19<sup>th</sup> July for some traffic calming measures on Main Street. Await decision.

## **69 Contracts and Similar Matters**

There was nothing to report.

## **70 Meetings, Events and Training**

It was agreed that Cllr Dinwoodie will attend three training courses.

## **71 Maintenance/Environmental Issues**

**71.1** Jobs around the village – Cllr Dinwoodie has contacted all current volunteers and will provide an updated list.

**71.2** Members noted that the CCTV had been replaced.

**71.3** Damage to A413 bus shelter, D&A sheds has kindly offered to undertake repairs.

**71.4** Cllr Manasse agreed to paint entry signs.

## **72 Dates of next meetings - Members to note dates:**

9<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed.....Chairman / Date.....2/10/25